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TRANSPORTATION FUNDING COMING TO NORTHWEST MICHIGAN

LANSING – The Michigan Works! West Central Agency and the Northwest Michigan Council of Governments have been awarded funding to make it easier for residents who use public transportation to commute to interviews, training, and jobs.

Michigan Works! West Central has received a grant for \$63,473. The Northwest Michigan Council of Governments received \$10,000. The grants are part of the Michigan Department of Career Development's Transportation to Work program.

"When lack of reliable transportation keeps someone from a job interview, training, or even a day of work, we all suffer," Sen. Michelle McManus (R-Lake Leelanau) said. "This funding will help the communities of northwest Michigan strengthen their public transportation systems, making it easier for people to get to job-related activities."

The Transportation to Work grants provide funding to improve regional transportation systems, improving access to job-related activities for people who might not have access to other transportation, such as their own car. The program's long-term goal is to promote the development of a self-sustaining regional transportation system that will provide all individuals with the ability to commute to any job or employment-related opportunities in the vicinity.

These funds are provided in partnership with the Michigan Department of Transportation and the Family Independence Agency. The Michigan Department of Career Development is the state government agency charged with providing the skilled workforce Michigan needs to enhance and maintain its economy.